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LIBRARY PROGRESS

More people used libraries, more books were borrowed from libraries, and more books were used in library reading rooms in 1932 than ever before. According to figures published by the American Library Association, sample reports from 33 cities representing only one-tenth of the total population of the United States show that the number of books borrowed from their libraries in 1932 was 81,591,423, an increase of 37+ per cent since 1929.

A totalling of the statistics on the following pages, shows the total circulation in Minnesota public libraries reporting in 1932 to be 11,112,177, an increase of 27 per cent since 1929, and of more than 12 per cent over 1931. At the same time, the expenditures total \$1,170,831, a decrease of 9 per cent since 1929, and of 10 per cent since 1931.

The increase in use is gratifying, but the decrease in expenditures, which promises to be even greater in 1933, threatens the usefulness of libraries, when they are more needed than ever before. The Association for Progress through Libraries, working in collaboration with all other agencies for the promotion of library interests is urging improvement of library facilities, to provide unemployment relief, strengthen our whole cultural plant, enhance the value and usefulness of existing institutions, raise standards of living and improve our social morale.

The Trustees Section at the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association adopted statements on **Increased Demand for Library Service and Reduction of Public Expenditures**, which are found on p. 166-167, with a recommendation to library boards to adopt these statements with such modifications as seem desirable; to give them local publicity; to seek the cooperation of other boards and organizations; and to make this the occasion for a coalition of all educational, cultural and social agencies in their communities.

STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, 1932

Place	Popu- lation (1930 Census)	Expenditures		Hours per Week Open for Lend- ing	Volumes	Borrowers			Circu- lation per Capita	Librarian
		Total	Per Capita			Total	Non- Resi- dent	Per Cent of Pop'n		
A. L. A. Standard.			\$1.00					30	5	
A—Over 50,000 (1st class cities)										
Minneapolis*	464,356	\$429,059.97	.92	52	592,391	181,120	...	39	3,881,245	Gratia A. Countryman
St. Paul*	271,606	238,304.33	.87	76½	373,948	76,280	304	28	1,713,493	Mrs. Jennie T. Jennings
Duluth.	101,463	81,226.25	.80	72	142,928	31,019	3	30	761,796	Edna G. Moore
B—10,000-50,000 (Including 2nd and 3rd class cities)										
Albert Lea.	10,169	5,005.03	.49	66	6,589	1,488 ¹	14	14	12,550 ¹	Elizabeth Dorcas
Austin.	12,276	7,491.70	.61	72	13,338	8,351	52	67	94,868	Mrs. Tanye B. Hines
Brainerd.	10,221	3,594.75	.35	36	11,845	5,538	774	54	61,702	Zita A. Miller
Faribault.	12,767 ²	12,686.41	.99	72	18,539	5,026	20	39	86,492	Florence D. Love
Hibbing.	20,011 ³	41,400.18	2.07	72	55,827	11,069	...	55	271,634	Nancy J. Venberg
Mankato.	14,038	10,148.93	.72	72	23,705	6,661	...	47	144,644	Mrs. Clara C. Bordwell
Rochester.	20,626	14,838.74	.71	72	26,111	9,341	1,199 ⁴	43	224,276	Grace M. Stevens
St. Cloud.	21,000	15,981.24	.76	72	21,920	9,051	1,244	38	130,448	Alma M. Penrose
South St. Paul*	10,009	9,090.78	.90	45	12,681	3,490	210	55	70,861	Grace A. Dorval
Virginia.	11,963	31,850.26	2.27	75	37,763	6,694	292	47	217,628	Edith A. Rechtyzl
Winona.	20,850	15,916.24	.75	69	44,185	8,158	185	40	181,461	Jeannette A. Clarke
C—5,000-10,000										
Benidji.	7,202	2,224.51	.30	42	6,797	4,864	...	67	42,507	Mrs. Florence F. Netzer
Chisholm.	8,308	33,085.21	4.00	72	34,574	3,901	364	46	176,220	Agnes V. Johnson
Cloquet.	7,645 ⁵	10,933.87	1.40	54	14,572	3,640	...	48	107,843	Maud Grogan
Colorado Heights.	5,613	4,628.19	.87	48	9,964	3,788	410	54	58,187	Claire Winzenburg
Crookston.	6,321	2,640.00 ⁶	.36	24	4,939	3,219	15	45	45,930	Mrs. Ruth King
Ely.	7,282 ⁷	17,493.21	2.05	72	21,290	6,023	1,228	70	144,770	Mrs. Vivian G. Norrid
Eveleth.	8,500 ⁸	3,072.50	.35	36	9,130	3,309	40	59	49,169	Mrs. Inez Albertson
Farmont.	9,389 ²	5,610.26	.73	72	19,360	3,428	49	45	64,493	Margaret McIntosh
Fergus Falls.	6,601	10,379.17 ¹	.74	72	22,871	3,662	524	55	124,390	Bernice E. Colby
International Falls*.	5,014	2,865.71	.55	30	8,838	2,855	45	56	27,483	Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard
Little Falls.	7,651	5,709.96	.67	42	10,902	3,537	22	41.5	55,897	Marion Phillips
Noorhead.	7,651	8,822.59	.95	72	22,192	5,546	1,093	58	110,920	Naud van Buren
Owatonna*.	7,654	6,030.78	.62	48	14,209	4,502	500	46	108,082	Edna V. Steiner
Red Wing.	9,629	6,751.17	.76	54	21,442	4,362	2,469	68	85,322	Gertrude Glennon
Stillwater*.	7,173	4,134.00	.64	36	8,611	3,519	536	52	58,376	Amy Hanscom
Willmar.	6,173									

*See p. 166 for County statistics.

¹Includes Stuntz Township.

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¹Includes population of state institutions.

²Includes population of environs served.

³Includes school library expenses.

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STATISTICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES, 1932—Continued

Place	Popu- lation (1930 Census)	Expenditures		Hours per Week Open for Lend- ing	Volumes	Borrowers			Circu- lation	Circu- lation per Capita	Librarian
		Total	Per Capita			Total	Non- Resi- dent	Per Cent of Pop'n			
A. L. A. Standard											
D—2,500-5,000											
Alexandria.....	2,876	\$2,112.10	\$.54	30	11,457	2,707	420	69	24,246	6	Mrs. Margaret A. McCord
Anoka.....	4,851	2,104.53	.43	36	5,735	2,454	412	42	26,251	5.4	Mrs. Georgia A. Goss
Blue Earth.....	2,884	2,651.13	.92	36	7,031	2,912	352	80	16,076	5.7	Alma M. Cummings
Buhl.....	3,669	7,341.83	3.23	48	14,078	1,273	40	63	43,074	23	Helen Weaver
Coleraine.....	3,669	6,163.68	1.38	54	7,667	1,672	877	45	43,565	11	Ruth Vanderve
Crosby.....	3,651	1,173.69	.33	20	5,804	1,500	5	42	14,143	4	Mrs. H. H. Falls
Detroit Lakes.....	3,675	1,849.25	.50	30	8,516	2,494	309	37	23,168	6	Mrs. W. H. McCart
Grand Rapids*.....	3,206	3,324.90	1.03	36	14,251	3,448	1,717	66	68,751	14	Mrs. Maie C. Bennett
Hopkins.....	3,824	2,569.54	.75	36	7,668	2,572	617	75	23,692	7	Mrs. A. G. Jonstad
Lake City.....	3,046	2,433.00	.79	30	7,753	1,312	19	40	20,653	7	Mrs. Sophie P. White
Litchfield*.....	3,210	1,848.97	.62	27	6,810	1,287	318	45	22,110	7	Joanne E. Baker
Marshall.....	3,644	2,441.68	.92	30	6,867	1,643	...	62	16,648	5	Mrs. Alice A. Lamb
Marquette.....	3,250	2,108.53	.65	33	5,431	1,445	79	44	30,800	9.3	Elizabeth L. Rank
Marquette.....	4,319	2,151.23	.50	30	8,935	3,179	...	73	27,134	6	Arnes M. King
North Mankato.....	2,922	368.23	.13	8	3,879	1,198	11	42	25,562	9	Charlotte B. Culp
North St. Paul.....	2,915	1,403.83	.50	13 1/2	5,561	2,233	...	90	29,930	10	Louise M. McIntyre
Northfield.....	4,153	2,138.95	.80	30	9,187	4,606	80	...	22,842	5	Anna Nystuen
Pipestone.....	3,489	3,108.95	.89	30	7,294	2,252	...	65	22,006	6.5	Mrs. Susie J. Bolger
Redwood Falls.....	2,552	2,522.567	.98	34	5,375	2,369	...	70	19,269	7	Bulah Larson
St. James.....	2,808	902.21	.32	33	3,787	2,460	160	...	14,609	5	Mrs. V. A. Malmrose
St. Peter.....	4,812	2,224.92	.72	30	7,378	1,910	88	62	21,150	6.8	Grace T. Gresham
Sauk Center.....	2,716	3,079.337	1.14	40	13,660	...	...	...	26,785	9.8	Eva M. Davis
Sleepy Eye.....	2,576	2,134.99	.82	30	3,695	887	30	31	10,504	4	Lydia S. Sasse
Staples.....	2,667	561.99	.21	12 1/2	3,120	838	51	31	18,006	4	Carrie M. Mayer
Thief River Falls*.....	4,268	4,861.27	.90	42	7,758	2,792	1,072	43	56,231	8	Mrs. Hazel Halgrim
Two Harbors.....	4,425	2,463.46	.55	54	7,212	3,356	30	76	30,096	6.8	Alice M. Wurster
Wadena.....	2,512	1,478.317	.59	20	4,400	1,060	...	40	17,527	7	Jean P. Stewart
White Bear.....	2,600	1,785.98	.68	24	7,101	1,376	85	50	25,264	9	Ada M. Palmer
Worthington.....	3,878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. L. S. Kraft

*See p. 166 for County statistics.

†Includes school library expenses.

‡Includes population of state institutions.

§Includes population of environs served.

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A. L. A. Standard.			\$1.00					30		5	
E—Less than 2,500											
Aitkin.....	1,545	\$ 864.42	.56	24	5,562	800	90	50	14,752	9	Mrs. Helen J. Teeter
Appleton.....	1,625	315.96	.19	9	2,534	1,080	90	65	8,517	5	Mrs. I. P. Cheney
Aurora.....	1,463	2,515.83	1.72	8	2,798	614	30	42	9,108	6	Mrs. P. M. Olson
Baudette.....	822	85.27	.10	3	146	220	30	26	540	10	Mrs. H. F. Meyer
Benson.....	2,095	1,442.39	.69	24	7,060	1,358	399	64	20,111	5	Nina Brown
Bird Island.....	1,004	454.50	.45	5	1,050	390	30	39	5,169	5	Mrs. H. T. Robb
Blackduck.....	704	180.62	.25	4½	1,123	.....	.....	.....	3,247	4	Mrs. W. A. Cross
Breckenridge.....	2,264	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Mangskau
Brown's Valley.....	981	791.53	.35	15	2,880	291	.....	30	5,036	5	Lucy Van Tassel
Buffalo.....	1,409	688.10	.48	7	4,376	1,538	741	78	12,922	8	Marguerite C. Prew
Caledonia.....	1,554	761.51	.49	12	4,034	2,235	.....	.....	3,125	2	Celia Bouquet
Canby.....	1,738	687.22	.40	15	2,983	1,120	267	53	9,048	5	Mrs. C. E. Skorseth
Carlton.....	687	410.03	.60	6	1,752	265	35	38	7,100	10	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster
Chatfield.....	1,269	1,817.24 ¹	1.34	28½	6,564	1,155	421	65	19,474	15	Annette Johnson
Cokato.....	1,125	905.65 ¹	.80	5	2,414	1,179	5	15	749	6	Hazel R. Myhre
Dawson.....	1,386	1,880.52	1.35	24	4,499	658	182	50	8,557	9	Elsie M. Trotter
Edgerton.....	627	281.36	.35	6	1,449	424	200	35	5,612	6	Mrs. Clara Lawrence
Elk River.....	1,026	441.96	.40	16	1,516	646	135	64	6,919	6	Mrs. I. L. Pink
Fairfax.....	916	.....	.....	8	2,805	375	20	40	2,170	2	Esther Heilmann
Glenwood.....	2,220	1,490.49	.67	19½	4,352	1,406	499	41	18,832	8	Mrs. Cassa B. Selnes
Graceville.....	1,314 ³	1,090.44	.83	10	6,269	735	288	56	19,549	14	Mrs. R. T. Crowe
Grand Marais.....	618	304.04	.50	14	1,176	674	41	.....	1,108	1	Lucy E. Keller
Grand Meadow.....	585	106.49	.18	6	1,635	724	143	40	13,177	2	Mrs. W. R. Peyton
Le Sueur.....	1,791	857.90	.50	12	3,863	.....	.....	.....	2,020	7	Mrs. Frances Foley
Granite Falls.....	869	141.89	.17	2	1,388	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mrs. E. C. Borley
Hallock.....	518	.....	.....	6	2,972	2,191	500	75	21,612	14	Mabel S. Clarke
Herman.....	1,033	1,158.08	1.12	12	3,708	1,292	308	50	19,661	9	Pauline M. Hofmeister
Ironton.....	2,206	806.33	.36	12	3,287	1,260	105	50	7,473	7	Mrs. L. L. Johnson
Jackson.....	1,184	1,010.66	.85	21	1,962	528	14	33	6,333	3	Eva Harrington
Janesville.....	1,019	420.00	.42	33	1,715	570	88	38	4,689	6	Ida C. Cornell
Kasson.....	1,382	70.88	.05	3½	470	215	162	29	7,479	10	Anna Munson
Kenyon.....	737	1,998.99	2.71	19	1,859	652	102	54	8,975	7	Helen Hendrickson
Kinney.....	1,173	285.39	.23	9	3,440	872	497	48	7,735	7	Mrs. John G. Thomas
Lake Crystal.....	661	367.72	.20	10	1,649	929	.....	.....	8,487	4	Elizabeth Ann Price
Le Roy.....	1,897	367.72	.20	8	1,511	209	14	33	3,933	7	Carrie M. Cadwell
Le Sueur.....	561	149.08	.26	3	2,437	.....	.....	.....	11,328	6	Mrs. A. W. Edmunds
Lindstrom.....	1,854	248.73	.13	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Marion Lewis
Long Prairie.....	1,854	248.73	.13	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹Includes population of environs served.²Includes school library expenses.

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E—Continued											
Madison.....	1,916	\$1,368.64	.63	33	6,620	1,570	440	74	21,471	11	Mrs. H. L. Borgendale
Maple Lake.....	660	472.48	.55	12	3,708	746	297	37	5,148	6	Mrs. Emma Cornell
Mapleton.....	862	1,832.85	2.48	30	3,727	810	30	43	8,283	4	Delia Erickson
Marble.....	1,882 ³	188.62	.37	6½	1,591	493	51		6,521	12	Mrs. H. W. Baker
Maynard.....	504	450.45	.50	6	2,265	573	56	38	7,347	8	Edward Sanderson
Minnetta.....	918	287.417	.31	24	6,004	1,079		43	7,935	8	Katherine Krenz
Monticello.....	2,474	3,009.347	1.21	34	9,818	1,079			22,552	9	Margaret Ludenia
Morris.....	1,349	8,401.75	6.23	72	12,078	353			22,812	17	Fannie Vittala
Mountain Iron.....	541	804.43	1.48	6	2,965	1,032			8,046	14	Mrs. Sadie Pennel
Newport.....	1,475	785.50	.53	14	3,460	1,025	15	70	16,406	11	Mrs. Noble Coucheron
Olivia.....	2,017	2,276.88	1.12	24	5,176	894	80	42	17,934	8	Mrs. Vivian Haslen
Ortonville.....	2,081	733.47	.35	10	7,213	1,103	403		18,369	9	Mrs. Cora C. Wade
Park Rapids.....	1,121	442.98	.39	11	2,064	809	325	60	7,961	7	Victoria Gale
Paynesville.....	961	2,235.037	2.32	33	4,964	1,281	322	42	16,094	13	Gyla Caulfield
Pine Island.....	1,233	805.85	.68	19	3,593	1,395	375	50	15,071	11	Mrs. Mary Belshelm
Plainview.....	1,214	984.05	.80	30	3,309	1,395	375	50	7,600	6	Mrs. Blanche Hovelson
Preston.....	1,636	1,776.137	1.08	30	5,687	418	99	28	27,915	17	Mrs. Lulu E. Owens
Rushford.....	1,125	943.31	.86	6	3,661	968	125	66	7,641	6.8	Emma Crampton
St. Charles.....	1,311	692.63	.53	22	3,722	1,200	18	55	15,331	11	Mrs. L. L. Pickert
Sandstone.....	1,083	432.81	.40	13	2,079	1,120			6,165	6	Mrs. Anna Schmitz
Spring Valley.....	1,712	1,942.75	1.13	36	4,397	392	67	63	13,181	7	Edna Albro
Taylor's Falls.....	527	602.36	1.14	9½	3,215	1,172	50	44	6,229	11	Mrs. Frances F. Murdock
Wabasha.....	2,212	1,105.32	.50	14	6,766	232	31	37	17,069	8	Clara E. Hornbogen
Walker.....	618	613.99	1.00	16½	3,872	557			3,985	6	Mrs. J. C. Jewell
Warren.....	1,472	217.31	.15	14	1,460	557	18	38	3,475	2.4	Agnes Grimsrud
Waterville.....	1,419	424.77	.30	12	5,060	1,315			9,376	6.6	Mrs. C. Peterson
Windom.....	2,123	686.30	.32	11	3,600	1,359	502	61	15,982	7	Mrs. Lucy Olson
Winnebago.....	1,701	1,117.39	.65	30	3,771	1,339	165	78	19,133	11	Mrs. Minnie G. Evans
Zumbrota.....	1,350	1,320.91	.98	20	4,148	1,130		73	23,228	15	Charlotte Mostrom

³Includes population of environs served.

⁷Includes school library expenses.

School Libraries serve as public libraries in Barnum, Bayport, Biwabik, Cass Lake, Hastings, Keewatin, Melrose, Nashauk, New Uln, Pine River, Shakopee, Waseca. Small libraries are operated by library associations or clubs at Annandale, Blooming Prairie, Browerville, Cambridge, Chaska, Deerwood, Dennison, Dodge Center, Farmington, Franklin, Fulda, Glencoe, Hancock, Harmony, Hills, Howard Lake, Lanesboro, Littlefork, Mabel, McGregor, Mahanomen, Mantorville, Milaca, Mountain Lake, Northome, Perham, Pine City, Rose Creek, Royalton, Rush City, Sauk Rapids, Springfield, Wabasso, West Concord, Westbrook, Winthrop.

MINNESOTA COUNTY LIBRARY STATISTICS—1932

County	Contracting Public Library	County Appropriation	Rural ¹ Popu- lation Served	Rural Borrow- ers	Branches	Deposit Stations	Schools	County Circu- lation
Anoka.....	Anoka..... Columbia Heights.....	\$ 300.00 300.00	7,984	412	.....	.....	.....	4,422
Dakota.....	South St. Paul.....	250.00	18,155	2,304	.....	3	40	8,789
Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	29,046.60	49,595	.....	21	14	89	511,723
Itasca.....	Grand Rapids.....	2,395.07	15,613	1,717	2	36	121	21,741
Koochiching.....	International Falls....	3,390.74 ²	9,042	2,225	.....	1	24	41,400
Meeker.....	Litchfield.....	100.00	14,149	475	.....	.....	.....	5,000 ³
Pennington.....	Thief River Falls.....	1,000.00 ⁴	6,500	1,072	.....	1	15	15,591
Ramsey.....	St. Paul.....	5,820.00 ⁴	9,600	3,500	.....	4	30	69,328
Steele.....	Owatonna.....	1,500.00	10,820	1,093	.....	2	72	23,842
Washington.....	Stillwater.....	1,300.00	14,449	2,469	.....	18	28	18,540

¹Includes population of all communities without other library service.

²Includes appropriation for county school libraries and \$369 state aid for school libraries.

³Estimated.

⁴Includes state library aid from rural schools.

COUNTY LIBRARIES

The statistics of county work as given in the above table are also included in the statistics of public libraries, excepting **Hennepin** and **Ramsey** counties, where the county work is a separate department, and the county fund is kept separate. In all other cases, the county appropriation is added to the general library budget, and the work is handled by the library staff as part of their work, so that the county circulation is included in the public library statistics as the only satisfactory way of indicating the volume of work. Percentages are based on city population for purposes of comparison.

In spite of some reductions in county appropriations, the circulation increased more than 10 per cent. The appropriation in **Olmsted County** was discontinued, and residents of that county outside of Rochester are now required to pay \$1 a year. Because of the reduction in the appropriation in **Meeker County**, the number of books lent to county patrons will now be limited to two on a card and teachers to five.

Hennepin County—Mrs. W. O. Leathers succeeds Mrs. Stout as librarian of the Champlin branch. Edith Corson, librarian of Glen Lake Sanatorium has been putting on some interesting radio programs for the patients. She is also cooperating with the vocational program planned by Miss Kohler of the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Koochiching County—County library service in Koochiching County is described by Bernice Colby, in a well-written article in the **ONTARIO LIBRARY REVIEW**, February, 1933, published by the Public Libraries Branch of the Ontario Department of Education. Miss Colby explains the organization of the system, and its fourfold service to the city of International Falls, its local schools, the county schools, and the county in general and em-

phasizes the flexible organization which would provide for an increase in volume of work with no basic change in administration.

Pennington County—Twenty-three rural schools have contracts for service at the present time, which is more than a third of those in the county. The interest in this plan is most encouraging, and other schools are planning to join next fall.

Ramsey County—In addition to the stations given in the statistical table, 122 house stops are made by the book truck. More assistance has been given to teachers and pupils in furnishing poems and stories recommended in the State curriculum and supplying reading table groups for classroom use. Reading of books on state reading lists has been encouraged, by posting the lists for Grades 5-6, and 7-8 in the truck for consultation.

INCREASED DEMAND FOR LIBRARY SERVICE

Libraries were created by our democratic society in order that every citizen might have throughout life the means of self-education.

Economic and social insecurity has led men and women to attempt to understand through reading the fundamental and current problems which confront them as citizens. Books on the business of earning a living are in great demand. So also are the books of many kinds which contribute to the maintenance of a spirit of hope.

Library expenditures are a small part of the public budget. With few exceptions libraries have been operated without extravagance, with an intelligent regard to the public interest and the tax-payer's burden. It is nevertheless the duty of library administrators to re-evaluate the library's services in terms of present conditions, to distinguish sharply between essentials

and non-essentials, and to seek new ways of carrying on the most necessary activities at the lowest possible cost.

Libraries are more needed today than ever before. There is much to learn which was not taught when the present-day adult was at school. Never was the average adult driven to the printed page and to the library so repeatedly in order to become reasonably well informed about matters which are of vital concern to him. In the interest of an intelligent, understanding citizenship the library's essential services must be maintained.

REDUCTION OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

The continued existence of a democratic society depends upon the maintenance of those educational, cultural and social institutions which have been created to promote general education and wholesome living. The service of such institutions must not be destroyed.

The need for economy is recognized. In many cities, counties and states the unit cost of governmental services can and should be reduced. All taxing units should be required to live within their incomes except for permanent improvements and emergencies.

A wholesale horizontal cut applying to all departments and activities is one of the least desirable ways of reducing, for it cannot be assumed that all departments are equally efficient and all activities equally important. Before reductions are made there should be a study by disinterested specialists and citizens to determine (1) what cuts can be made without limiting important services, and (2) the relative importance to the public of the various activities. We will welcome such investigation of the institutions and activities we represent.

We pledge our cooperation to forward-looking public administrators in their efforts to find permanent solutions for the taxpayers' problems, through the complete elimination of the spoils or patronage system in all governmental activities where it exists; through the improvement of the personnel; through the reorganization of areas and functions of government; and through improved methods of taxation. The elimination of waste should precede any curtailment of socially useful services.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Midwinter Meeting

A significant feature of the Midwinter Conference was the Trustee's and citizen's day program on December 29th, when Library Revenues for Essential Services was the subject for discussion. As a result the statements printed above were adopted and were later adopted by the Council.

Popular Government, Social Welfare and Libraries was the topic for discussion at the Council meeting, presented by Frank L. Tolman, Director, Extension Division, New York State Education Department from the standpoint of the citizen and public official. His excellent paper is printed in full in the January A. L. A. Bulletin. William L. Bailey, professor of sociology at Northwestern University, presented

a paper on "Does the Library Need Deflation?" His answer was, "No. The public library is worth saving for its honorable record as a public institution, and especially in view of its possibilities at a time like this." The discussion was continued by Carleton B. Joeckel, professor of library science, University of Michigan, who presented the point of view of the political scientist. He said that students of government had given surprisingly little attention to the functions and objectives of public libraries, and librarians must be prepared to answer questions as to the place of the library in the structure of local, county, or state government. Sweeping changes in the complicated structure of local government are being recommended on all sides. The public library must adapt itself to them. He concluded with the hope that there will still be a place for the public library as a part of government, perhaps a better place than we imagine possible in these days.

Gratia Countryman, librarian of Minneapolis, chairman of the Librarians of Large Public Libraries, took part in the discussion. She stressed the needs of the future and concurred with Mr. Tolman in thinking that the next forward step should be "to take the field in defense of the things of the spirit and the cultural services of the government."

Retirement Plan

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has been selected by the American Library Association to underwrite a retirement plan for librarians. The plan provides for retiring annuities resulting from payments by the library staff, or from payments by both the library and members of its staff.

Sixty-five will be the normal retirement age, but earlier retirement may be arranged, provided contributions to the plan have continued for at least ten years.

Approximately 5 per cent of salary monthly will be the contribution required. The minimum monthly payment regardless of salary will be \$3. Lump sum payments may be arranged. The amount of retirement annuity will depend on the employee's age at entry into the plan, sex, and amount of total contributions.

The plan is fully described in the A. L. A. Bulletin, February, 1933, Part II. Inquiries should be directed to The American Library Association, Retirement Plan, and addressed to American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

1933 Conference

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conference of the American Library Association will be held in Chicago, October 16-21, 1933.

ADULT EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

The Minnesota Council for Adult Education combined its meeting for this year with the conventions of the Department of Adult Education and National Commission on the Enrichment of Adult Life of the National Education Association at the meeting of the Department of Superintendence in Minneapolis, February 25-March 2.

"Enrichment of Adult Rural Life" was the theme of the joint session on Tuesday afternoon, February 28. Gratia Countryman, librarian of the Minneapolis public library and the Hennepin County library spoke on Libraries and Rural Life. After dwelling upon the growing place of free libraries in the educational scheme of today, she said that libraries are just as necessary to citizens in rural districts as to the city dweller, and the problem for both city and country boils down to the fruitful use of leisure. "If Mr. Baker is correct in saying that 'if the libraries of the country were closed tomorrow the average intelligence of the citizen would recede' what would he say of the general situation in those rural districts where there have never been opportunities for reading? Whatever libraries can contribute to the enrichment of life in cities, to the education of children and especially adults, and to the use of leisure time, that much and more could they contribute to those in isolated places."

She quoted letters received by city librarians and the library division showing the hunger for books in isolated communities, and emphasized the important service that the traveling library had rendered in aiding study groups and providing recreational reading.

She then traced the development of the County library movement, which offers the best solution of the rural library problem, with its central collection and its system of branches, stations, school libraries and delivery system by book wagon and parcel post.

"Through the county library, the country folk are prepared for adult education. Their tastes in reading are just as broad and just as varied as city people's, when they have access to books. It is most interesting to see these tastes express themselves, as gradually they learn the resources which the library furnishes. They can borrow books on how to repair their cars and farm machinery or build their barns. They get books on insecticides and spraying, on soils, on raising goats and rabbits. But at the same time these farmers more than the villagers are interested in history, and government. Numbers of groups of young mothers met to study child psychology and care of children. One group has organized to study peace questions; in another village is a local garden club. Rural P. T. A.'s and rural churches use the books for their social programs. One librarian reports that many people in her neighborhood have followed the **Reading with a Purpose** courses."

She concluded by declaring that "libraries are the first thing to be considered in any program of adult education. Before rural schools can function there must be books; preceding all efforts with study groups or extension classes, there must be books. Books are essential and the wider their distribution the more rapid will be self-education and the response to efforts at adult education."

A business meeting of the Council was held following the Adult Education session on Wednesday morning.

Plans for the year include the organization of county units with representation including city and county superintendents, county agent, home demonstration agent, the county librarian,

and outstanding leaders representing clubs and organizations. This enlarged program is a challenge to county librarians and to librarians where there is as yet no county system to demonstrate their indispensable part in adult education. Librarians should be alert to this opportunity which should lead to the establishment of more county libraries.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

State library associations have been requested to arrange their meetings, so as not to interfere with attendance at the A. L. A. meeting in Chicago, October 15-21.

The Executive Board therefore wishes an expression of opinion from all members regarding the annual meeting. Miss Countryman, librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library has invited the association to meet in Minneapolis,—the time and exact place of meeting was left to the Executive Board. Will all members please write at once to Gertrude Glennon, Secretary, Public Library, Stillwater, Minn. their preference of the following:—

Time

- (1) Latter part of June
- (2) In September
- (3) Just before or directly after the A. L. A. October meeting in Chicago

Place

- (1) In the city of Minneapolis
- (2) In a lake or country resort near Minneapolis

At the same time, the secretary calls attention to the fact that 1933 dues are now payable and that back dues for 1931-32 would be appreciated. Send your dues (\$1) with your vote regarding the time and place of meeting, and save the association the expense of postage on notices.

ETHEL I. BERRY,
President.

LAKE REGION LIBRARY CLUB

The tentative date for the meeting of the Lake Region Library Club will be during the week beginning June 5, at the Morris Public Library.

TWIN CITY CATALOGERS' ROUND TABLE

The Twin City Catalogers' Round Table held its Winter meeting at the Minnesota Union, University of Minnesota on Thursday evening, January 26, 1933. Sister Cecil, St. Catherine's College, gave an interesting report of the Mid-Winter meeting of the A. L. A. Miss Helen Starr reported on the progress of the Catalogers' and Classifiers' Yearbook and read the proposed table of contents.

Mrs. Jennie T. Jennings spoke on the Conference of University Women which she attended in Edinburgh last summer and showed a

number of interesting pictures. Mr. Frank K. Walter concluded the program by describing ledger and card catalogs of European libraries in his usual entertaining manner.

ELSA H. IHM,
Secretary-Treasurer.

DIVISION OF LIBRARY INSTRUCTION UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Summer Session

The Summer Session office has decided to restrict the curriculum of all of the departments during the coming Summer Session. For this reason only four courses in Library Methods will probably be offered:

Lib. Meth. 102su. Cataloging. Elements of dictionary cataloging. Lectures and problems. (3 cred.; MTWThF I; 5Lib.)

Lib. Meth. 104su. Classification. Introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification; subject headings, author numbers, shelf and accession records. (3 cred.; jr., sr.; MTWThF II; 5Lib.) Miss Carey

Lib. Meth. 112su. Reference. Essential reference books and other material. Methods of reference work. (3 cred.; MTWThF IV; 5Lib.) Miss Hutchinson.

Lib. Meth. 123su. Selection of books. Principles of selection and criticism of representative books. Criticism and preparation of book lists. (3 cred.; MTWThF III; 5Lib.) Miss Hutchinson.

Academic credit is given only to students with at least two full years of approved work of collegiate grade. "No-credit" students will be admitted only with the approval of the Library Division of the Minnesota State Education Department (in the case of residents of Minnesota) or of the Director of the Division of Library Training (in the case of others than residents of Minnesota). Admission of "no-credit" students will be limited to candidates under appointment or promise of appointment to definite library positions. Candidates for "no-credit" standing should in every case present written evidence of such appointment or promise of appointment.

These courses will be given only in the first half of the Summer Session, beginning June 21st, and ending July 29th.

For further information, address the director of the Division of Library Instruction.

Appointments

Elizabeth Bowing, 1931, is assistant in the St. Cloud Teachers College Library.

Eunice Houske, 1932, is clerk in the State Dept. of Rural Credit.

Lois Kingsbury, 1932, is High School librarian at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Margaret Nordholm, 1931, is assistant at Central high school, Minneapolis.

Harriet P. Wirick, 1929, M. A. Illinois, 1932, is assistant in the Armour Institute Library, Chicago.

F. K. WALTER,
Director.

Folwell Club

The club was organized in December, and the following officers were elected: President—Betty Reuteman, Stillwater; Vice-president—Janet Brown, Minneapolis; Secretary—Mrs. Kathleen Fischer, Minneapolis; Treasurer—Helen Richardson, Minneapolis.

On January 25 a dinner meeting was held at the Yellow Lantern Tea Shop. Mr. Walter entertained us with an account of visits made to European libraries during his recent trip abroad.

On January 29 the officers and standing-committee chairmen were entertained by the officers of the Alumni Association of the Division of Library Instruction at a tea held at the home of Eleanor Herrmann in Saint Paul. At this time the Alumni Association presented the Division with a lovely lace tablecloth.

On February 14 a tea in honor of Miss Carey was given by the club in our class room. The alumni were guests, and a delightful musical program was given by the "Balkan Quartet", a group of Croatian students from St. Thomas College.

Plans for the remainder of the year include monthly meetings, some of which will be dinner meetings, several more teas, a picnic in the spring, and visits to some of the libraries of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

The Publication Committee, of which Marjorie Perham, of Iron, is chairman, is now at work on an issue of *Bibliomania*, the Division publication. The committee expects to be able to prepare two or three issues before the class disbands in June.

KATHLEEN FISCHER,
Secretary.

RECENT BOOKS OF MERIT

Non-Fiction

Blakey, Roy Gillispie. Taxation in Minnesota. Univ. of Minn. Press, 1932, 2.00. 336

This is a general and detailed discussion of major tax problems.

Moulton, Harold Glenn. War debts and world prosperity. Century, 1932, 3.00. 336

An "indispensable source book of the debate which will be carried on for months to come"—Lippmann.

Roberts, Thomas S. Manual for the identification of the birds of Minnesota and neighboring states. Univ. of Minn. Press, 1932, 1.50. 598

Useful for teachers and students, this has been reprinted from the second volume of *The Birds of Minnesota*.

Hunter, Lucretia P. The girl today, the woman tomorrow. Allyn, 1932, 1.20. 640

Any growing girl will appreciate this book with its modern ideas and illustrations of dress, etiquette, vocations, etc. Very good, indeed.

General Foods Corporation. General Foods cook book. Author, 1932, 1.00. 641

Its subject index will be a real inspiration to any housewife and its cheapness commends it to any librarian.

Bauer, Marion and Peyser, Ethel R. Music through the ages. Putnam, 1932, 3.50. 780

Any small library which does not already have a general history of music would do well to buy this one which is very useful for reference and readable as well.

Ward, Alfred Charles. American literature, 1880-1930. Dial, 1932, 2.50. 810

"Stimulating, intelligent evaluation"—concise, expert and readable.

Posse-Brázdóva, Amelie. Sardinian sideshow. Dutton, 1933, 3.00. 914.59

A Swedish woman, married in Italy to an Austrian artist, was interned with her husband in Sardinia during the war. Their experiences are vividly pictured with much local color. It is of real interest and should be very popular.

Folwell, William Watts. William Watts Folwell: the autobiography and letters of a pioneer of culture. Univ. of Minn. Press, 1933, 3.00. 921

Most Minnesota libraries will buy this—his own story of his ninety-six eventful years and his delightful letters, many now published for the first time.

Van Doren, Carl Clinton. Sinclair Lewis. Doubleday, 1933, 2.00. 921

Biography, criticism and a bibliography of his works.

Fiction

Becker, May Lamberton. Golden tales of the prairie states. Dodd, 1932, 2.50.

Tarkington, Garland, Quick and others are represented in this mid-West anthology.

Fairbank, Mrs. Janet Ayer. The bright land. Houghton, 1932, 2.50.

New England and Illinois in Civil War days are presented vividly in a readable story.

Green, Anne. A marriage of convenience. Dutton, 1933, 2.50.

A gay and amusing story for an evening's entertainment.

Lewis, Sinclair. Ann Vickers. Doubleday, 1933, 2.50.

A novel of very great interest to mature and liberal readers. Its social significance versus its unconventionality will make it difficult for many librarians to decide about its purchase in which case they may borrow a copy from the Library Division for examination.

Rolvaa, Ole Edvart. The boat of longing. Harper, 1933, 2.50.

This is an earlier novel, poetic in tone, which has a good deal of local interest.

Streatfield, Noel. Parson's nine. Doubleday, 1933, 2.00.

Librarians should give this to mothers of two and three children who feel sorry for themselves. This amusing tale of the parson's nine children, named after the Apocryphal books of the Bible, will be a good tonic.

Whipple, Dorothy. Greenbanks. Farrar, 1932, 2.50.

A lovable grandmother heads a large family, which is delightfully described. This should please a large number of library readers.

LIBRARY AIDS

American Library Association

A. L. A. Catalog, 1926-1931. This six-year supplement made its appearance in December. Its price, which is \$4.50, could not be noted in the December number of Library Notes and News. This, of course, is a volume which any library should buy, since it is a complete catalog of some 3,000 books of importance to libraries.

Booklist Books, 1932, is the annual list of books found most useful to librarians in the past year. It is a very helpful buying guide to the librarian in the smaller library. In heavy paper cover its price is 65 cents. It will be ready March 15.

Birthdays of Contemporary Authors has been revised by the compiler, Mathilde D. Williams, Public Library of the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C. Copies may be obtained on request from the A. L. A.

Book Drives is the title of Leads, No. 8, a recent issue of the A. L. A. Publicity Committee's mimeographed news letter. Points to be considered in conducting drives or appeals for gifts are noted, including such factors as selection of the committee, time for the drive, safeguarding the library, collecting books, and publicity. A copy of this issue may be obtained free of charge from the Publicity Department of the A. L. A.

Leads, No. 9 is devoted to the **Library as a Social Force.** It is a valuable aid to librarians, library trustees, writers and speakers since it calls attention to the rediscovery of the public library, its services to the unemployed, budget making in a depression and includes many suggestions of the value of libraries. This, too, may be obtained from the Publicity Department.

Russia, the Soviet Way, by Robert C. Brooks of Swarthmore, is the latest contribution in the Reading with a Purpose series. It will doubtless be much called for in libraries. It will be ready March 15.

H. W. Wilson Company

Standard Catalog for Public Libraries, 1932 supplements, has just been published. Purchased separately its price is \$1.25. Subscribers to the complete catalog receive these supplements without additional charge. These supplements are helpful since first purchases are starred.

Miscellaneous

Inexpensive material on technocracy may be obtained from the John Day Company, 386 4th Avenue, New York City. One pamphlet, by Howard Scott, is entitled *Introduction to technocracy* and is priced at 90 cents. The other is *Stuart Chase's Technocracy*, priced at 25 cents.

From the United States Daily, Washington, D. C. librarians may obtain for ten cents its supplement which contains the introductory review of the findings of *Recent Social Trends in the United States.* Libraries which cannot afford the ten-dollar, two-volume work can make much good use of this newspaper supplement.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

The Library Division is now well established in its new quarters on the third floor of the State Office Building. We hope that any librarians who may come to St. Paul will visit our attractive room, in which shelving and equipment are arranged so much more economically than before. The view from our windows of the Cathedral and of down-town St. Paul is well worth a trip to Room 369.

In January came the yearly exhibit at the Farm School during the Short Course for farmers and homemakers. The attendance this year was surprisingly large for the times. Outstanding newer books for children were displayed, with emphasis on some very attractive and acceptable ones to be obtained at the Woolworth stores.

Lists of these children's books together with two long, annotated lists of new books added to the open shelf collection will be sent to librarians who wish them. Never forget that the resources of the smallest library in the state, with the most restricted book funds, are limited only by those of the Library Division. Do not disappoint any library patron until you have tried to borrow the book wanted from the Library Division.

Once before we have mentioned the file of American Library Association material available at this office. Circulation copies of the most asked for pamphlets and books are on hand for the use of librarians who may wish to see them before buying or who have only occasional use for this information.

These books may be borrowed from the open shelf collection:

Non-Fiction

Allison. Geology and water resources of northwestern Minnesota.
Anthony. Marie Antoinette.
Calverton. Liberation of American literature.
Ditmars. Thrills of a naturalist's quest.
Firkins. Bride of quietness; Revealing moment.
Franken. Another language.
Gorman. The Scottish queen.
Hartman. These United States and how they came to be.
Ingalls. Amateur telescope making.
Nevins. Grover Cleveland.
Oliver. Psychiatry and mental health.
Powell. Undiscovered Europe.
The right book for the right child.
Sorensen. The saga of Fridtjof Nansen.
Woolf. Second common reader.
Zweig. Mental healers.

Fiction

Barrie. Farewell, Miss Julie Logan.
Benson. Fourth lovely lady.
Connor. Arm of gold.
Edmonds. Erie water.
Morley. Human being.
Oliver. Mr. Chilvester's daughters.
Rea. First night.

By the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership, we have the following:

v.2 Home finance and taxation.
v.4 Home ownership, income and types of dwellings.

v.5 House design, construction and equipment.
v.7 Farm and village housing.
v.8 Housing and the community.
v.9 Household management and kitchens.

From the International Mind Alcove we have just received these books:

Jones. An amiable adventure.
Mackall. Portugal for two.
Patterson. America: world leader or world led.
Phillips. Meet the Japanese.

MILDRED L. METHVEN,
 Librarian.

PERSONAL

Arabel Martin, head of the Circulation department, Minneapolis public library, and a member of the staff since 1909, retired from service at the end of the year. The staff association gave her a farewell dinner December 20th. In STAFF STUFF, Louise Lamb voiced the following affectionate appreciation of Miss Martin.

"We admire her for her professional skill, broad outlook and genius for producing good team work.

We love her for her gallant courage and the sprightly humor which has been a tonic to us all.

She has influenced helpfully the lives of all her professional associates and has been a wise friend and counselor to young and old.

Her retirement leaves a vacancy which can never be filled and the impress of her personality will linger to enrich us always."

Louise Lamb, who has been 1st assistant in the Circulation department, succeeds Miss Martin as head of the department.

Ethel Berry is recovering from an operation which was performed January 7th, and expects to resume her work March 1st.

Maud van Buren, librarian of Owatonna has been granted a leave of absence, effective March 1, and will take an extended vacation in the South.

Mrs. Donna Rosebrock will serve as acting librarian during her absence.

Mrs. Thomas Penrose, mother of Alma Penrose, librarian at St. Cloud, died January 10th after a long illness.

Marie Scheie, Wisconsin Library School, 1929 is completing the organization of the library at the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Gifts and Bequests

Canby.—A tablet In Memory of Canby Public Library Benefactors was presented by the Canby Women's Club in December. The name of Mrs. Dora Lewison was the first to be inscribed on the tablet, and the exercises were largely devoted to her memory.

A memorial book shelf was also installed, on which 23 books donated by friends have been placed.

Le Roy.—A bequest of \$500 has been received from Mrs. Addie Carpenter of Wallace, Idaho, a former resident.

Other recent gifts noted are:

Austin.—\$25 from the Rotary Club to purchase books for business men.

Canby.—\$5 from Mrs. Al Williams and book gifts from others.

Warren—\$25 from the Mothers' Club.

Grand Rapids—125 volumes from David G. Joyce of Chicago.

Library Benefits include the annual card party at **Elk River**; a supper at **Farmington**; a library tea at **Glenwood**; a 25c lunch served by the library board of **Grand Marais**, at the home of one of its members; a successful home talent entertainment given by various organizations at **Minneota**; and a card party given by the Women's Literary Club at **Springfield**, which netted \$29.

Besides a benefit entertainment on Washington's birthday at **Graceville**, which netted \$46, card parties given by the P. T. A. of Johnson, and Leonardsville Study Club added nearly \$20 to the library book fund and showed neighborly appreciation of the library service extended by the **Graceville** public library to these communities.

Improvements

Grand Rapids—The interior of the library was cleaned and painted this winter with money made available through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the library furnishing the material.

Minneota—The library room in the village hall was redecorated, following a fire which scorched the walls.

Morris—During the Christmas holidays the walls and ceiling were painted, woodwork and furniture refinished, and a new linoleum floor covering laid.

Pine City—A table for the children's corner was made by the manual training class.

Minneapolis—The Logan Park branch has been removed to Sheridan School. A reading room with newspapers and periodicals is still maintained at Logan Park Field House.

Book Drives

Because of depleted book funds, a number of libraries are soliciting gifts of books. In **Minneapolis**, a book drive was sponsored by the Commonwealth Club with the approval of the library board and the mayor. About 3,000 volumes were received.

Farmington had a book shower early in February when a box for donations was provided at a central place. A house to house canvass was made by the Fortnightly Club of **Dodge Center**. **Hastings** held a book week February 20-24, and **Harmony** had a drive for funds February 17-25. General appeals through newspapers are being made at **Benson**, **Owatonna** and other places.

Efforts to recover books long overdue continue in libraries of various sizes. **Mankato** had a Barrel Week in January, and 199 books were returned. Appeals for overdue books to be returned without fines were successful at **Albert Lea**, **Coleraine** and **Hopkins**. The librarian at **Crosby** announced that all overdue books could be returned without fines before January 20th, in order to start the year with a clean slate.

"One way to make the new books go around is to make them go faster." Therefore the **Minneapolis** Public Library urges its readers

to return books as soon as finished, with the following admonition from Alice in Wonderland:

"Will you walk a little faster?" said a whiting to a snail,
"There's a porpoise close behind us, and he's treading on my tail."

Publicity and Social Activities

Albert Lea—Elizabeth Dorcas, the new librarian has given talks before the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs on the reorganization of the library. She referred to the county library survey prepared last year in the University Division of Library Instruction by Pearl Hove and Mrs. Mary Nolan Cracraft.

Faribault—Over 100 little girls of Faribault brought their dolls to attend a doll story hour. It was an interesting collection of dolls of all sizes and ages. Another story hour featured tales of adventure and exploration for boys from the 4th to the 7th grades.

Olivia—The librarian, Mrs. Coucheron, gave a talk to the Improvement Society on books and library activities and also spoke to the P. T. A. of St. Mary's school, Bird Island.

Owatonna—The value of brief special lists of books was demonstrated when the list, "The Fine Art of Living (in Books)" was distributed at the banquet of the rural teachers, and the librarian evaluated the books on the list. Books in this class circulated 145 times the following month as against 90 in the previous year.

South St. Paul—The series of free lectures at the **South St. Paul** library has had an average attendance of about 76. Mrs. James S. King, of St. Paul, gave three talks on Current topics and reviews of recent books. James Gray of the **ST. PAUL DISPATCH** gave two lectures on Broadway plays and the final lecture will be given by Meridel Le Sueur on Modern literature.

Thief River Falls—A special exhibit of picture books for children was arranged for a meeting of the Young Matrons Club and continued through the week, for the benefit of teachers in the lower grades and normal training students.

Talks were given by an ex-teacher and Miss Lieberman spoke on illustrators.

Virginia—The annual doll contest was held in the children's room February 6-11. The dolls must be dressed in character by the children themselves. There are no prizes, but children vote for the doll which they think the best.

Exhibits of interest are:

Art exhibit (reproductions in colored prints) in the art gallery of the **Buckham Memorial Library**, **Faribault**, under the auspices of the art department of the Faribault public schools.

Paintings by Frances Price Young in the **Hibbing** public library, sponsored by the Saturday Club. A Polish exhibit, consisting of pictures, peasant blouses, and other garments and carved figures, lent by Eric Kelly, author of *The Trumpeter of Krakow* to the **Owatonna** public library.

Handwork and school work exhibition in the children's room of the **Red Wing** public library in January.

Selected pieces of soap carving in December, and a model railroad exhibit in February in the **Minneapolis** public library.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

CONVENTION CONTRASTS

The exhibit hall is teeming with humanity. A slow, steady stream goes up one aisle and down another. Under the sign, "SCHOOL LIBRARY ADVISORY SERVICE," sits the librarian. A superintendent stops at the entrance of the booth. He mechanically fingers the books on the table. He makes desultory conversation with the librarian, who steps up to be of service. His eye continually shifts to the crowd at the next booth where canes are being given away. He is only waiting his turn. He sees his chance. The librarian is left without a word. Another superintendent stops. He is contemplating classroom libraries on a larger scale. Has the librarian suitable graded lists? She has. He looks them over carefully, makes a few notes, talks with interest on his intended project, and leaves with a "thank you" to the librarian, although in reality, he has made a greater contribution to the conversation than the librarian.

A school principal stops at the booth. She wants to take back new library material to her librarian. She consults with the librarian in charge. As they examine the new books on the shelves at the back of the booth, another gatherer of material steps up to the table, looks over the attractive booklists, and although each list is marked "exhibit copy" and the price is plainly written on it, she selects a few and walks off with them while the librarian's back is turned.

The National Conference is at its height. The foremost educational men of the country are on the platform. A librarian is vigorously taking notes. One speaker declares that if the social science curriculum is changed with the consent of the public to the consideration of issues instead of solutions, there will be a greater demand for library service in the schools. Another speaker, in a plea for guarding against bogus budget cutting, includes libraries in his list of the great social forces in modern society. Another speaker gives a vision of the socialized curriculum where even penmanship and arithmetic courses are enriched with materials for which the teacher is dependent to a large extent upon the library. Another librarian sits in the audience. She talks a few minutes with a neighbor; listens a few minutes to the speaker; sees someone she knows across the hall; gets up and changes her seat; listens a few minutes to another speaker, and then gets up and walks out of the hall in the middle of this speech.

A library tour is planned. A library supervisor is asked to go. She glances confusedly through her program; thinks there is a meeting that conflicts, but is not sure. How long will it take? Two hours to see four libraries? No, she really had not time. The nearest rural library would be visited. Yes, she had rural libraries under her supervision but she saw so much of her own! Another library supervisor is asked to go. She accepts eagerly. She is delighted with the variety in the libraries visited

and tells the conductor of the tour that it has been her most valuable convention experience.

(At convention halls both East and West, ever the twain shall meet.)

—M. R. G.

NEW LIBRARIES

Glencoe

A spacious room with deadened floor and standard equipment adjoining the study room, houses the library in the new Glencoe school. This is an old library in a new setting for the books of Stevens Institute form the basis of this collection.

The library serves the entire school, both elementary and high school pupils. The librarian is also high school principal, but does no teaching other than library lessons in which the English department shares.

The study room has several bulletin boards which are used for library purposes. Glass doors open from one room into the other and the charging desk is located in the library just inside the doors. There is an office with a good work room adjoining. Next to the library is the English suite with a classroom between which will serve library purposes well.

We believe that this is the first school library in the state to have a principal-librarian without other duties.

Marshall

Progress in equipment and in a school wide library plan is made possible at Marshall with the building of the senior high school. Here a quiet floor, an excellent central location on the second floor, a special desk and a plan of one way seating at tables accommodating two pupils are features. Two libraries one for the junior high and one for the grades are being arranged in the old building but one librarian is in general charge of all work in the system.

THE LIBRARY MOVES

Wheaton

The library was moved last summer from the auditorium to our main school building, into a room much larger than the one formerly occupied by it. Plenty of lights have been installed, bright draperies have been hung at the windows and with a fernery, radiate cheer, and tables and chairs have been added to accommodate the many high school students who come to read and study during their free periods.

Our library hours are 8:00-8:50 A. M., 10:10-11:20 A. M., 1:00-1:10 P. M., 2:40-4:00 P. M. under Miss Lucille Fish a former rural teacher, but now a commercial student.

After four o'clock the Teacher Training students take charge until I can be released from my school duties, under the efficient direction of Miss Stevens. These students gave the elementary lessons which have added to the enjoyment of the library.

The grade children are coming to the library often since the door is kept open wide like an invitation. We have inaugurated the self-charging system and that too is an enticement. Children are ever enthralled by the unusual. Fines though not dropped entirely are not stressed and promptness in returning books is becoming a desired virtue.

—M. ETHEL ALLINSON.

Biwabik

The library has been moved into the former kindergarten room which is much larger. During the last school term a number of high school students who desired to go to the library for reference information were refused admission because of the lack of space. In this larger room there are more tables and chairs so that more students can use the library at one time.

—MRS. ALICE SHANK.

SCHOOL LIBRARY CLUBS

Minneapolis—Miss Lois Davidson, South high school, has been elected president of the School library club, Frances Redman, vice-president, and Mrs. Jane R. Van Konynenburg, secretary. The club is composed of librarians in the Minneapolis public junior and senior high schools. It has thirty members.

The programs given this year at dinner meetings were as follows:

Miss Margaret Greer's home—Reading of manuscript of child's book.

Mrs. Marian Stewart's home—Reading of Priestley's *Dangerous Corners*, by Miss Whittaker, McPhail School.

Office of State School Library Division—An account of the state work and the new quarters in the State Office Building by Miss Clara Baldwin.

Y. W. C. A.—Talk by Dr. T. S. Roberts, University of Minnesota, in which he told us of the publishing of his *The Birds of Minnesota*.

Suggestions were made for the library's part at the National Superintendents' Convention. Miss Countryman spoke briefly of the plans already made. The committee consisted of Margaret R. Greer, chairman, Mary Tawney, Celia Frost, Lois Davidson and Harriet Wood. A leaflet was published by the Public Library describing the School Library System of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Department of Education. The elementary school librarians also joined in this meeting.

—FRANCES REDMAN.

St. Paul—The St. Paul School Librarians held their February meeting in the Office of the Library Division in the New State Office Building, on February 10. Miss Wood conducted the librarians on a tour of the Department of Education, and introduced them to members of the personnel. Members of the staff of the Library Division explained something of their work. The shelves of new books in Miss Wood's office were eagerly inspected.

The club had dinner at the Gopher Inn in the State Capitol, and later held their business meeting. Informal discussion of library problems followed the elections.

The new officers are: president, Elsie Baker, St. Paul Public Library; vice-president, Marie Rainey, Gillette State Hospital; secretary, Celestine King, Cretin high school.

—CLARA GLENN.

WHY NON-FICTION CIRCULATES AT PINE CITY

The main reason that our non-fiction circulation is increasing in high school and grades is because of advertising. As I give the library lessons, I try to interest students in books of every class. I take a few of the most interesting ones, talk about them, and try to impress upon the students that they are missing a lot if they do not read them.

It gives me pleasure to see how they respond, and call for Bible stories, mythology, history stories, stories of animals, etc. A group of boys will clamor for books on electricity—always several for aviation. They find out that *Log Cabin Lady*, the life of Mrs. Sugimoto in the Daughter of the Samurai and Count Luckner are positively fascinating.

Books on other countries, especially Chamberlain's *Russia*, Bunker's *Hawaii* and the Philippines and right now books on China and Japan are in demand.

The last two years I have bought our books in small lots. Each time I receive a few books, I advertise the most important ones in the school and town papers, display them on racks and tables, and discuss them with the students. I make lists of our books in the different subject groups. Often they are attracted to titles in this manner. In fact I do my best to sell the entire resources, magazines and daily paper included and get quite a chuckle out of seeing some junior or senior sneaking out with the *Charm of Fine Manners*.

—LOUISE WISEMAN.

GROWTH OF HOME READING AT FARIBAULT

Three factors have increased reading in Faribault: using the lists of the National Council of Teachers of English, Leisure Reading for junior high and Books for Home Reading for senior high; setting out books for an eighth grade English class which has proved to be a browsing shelf for the rest of the school; keeping a few interesting books on the librarian's desk to hand out at a moment's notice to restless children who don't know what they want. This is a much more effective place than any book rack and keeps the librarian thinking to find books. The pupils talk over books informally. This habit of consulting with the librarian is carrying over to the public library.

—MARIAN R. KIEKENAPP.

THE RURAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

"Every class conference period in Social Studies leaves the child something to read, something to look for, something to bring or some responsibility to meet which has been

selected with the approval of the other children and the teacher."

This quotation from the recent pamphlet on the Organization of Curriculum for One-Teacher Schools is in line with our library objectives. The teacher-librarian may ask himself these questions:

Did each child according to his individual ability and need learn to find a book or a chapter that interested him?

Why not explain to school officers the value of cooperating with the county or public library? In Pennington County, twenty-three rural schools have affiliated with the Thief River Falls Public Library and receive a wealth of reading material in return. This was brought about by the librarian of the public library who arranged to have the matter presented to the school officers by the State Director of Libraries.

MONTHLY LIBRARY PLANS

March

1. Reference Work. This month is characterized by hard study and application. It is a good time to teach the pupils to find books for themselves. By using such library tools as "Find it yourself" and others listed in the State list the library will become a beehive of self service.
2. Three Artist Authors. March is the month that brought to the children three gifted book friends, the American Howard Pyle, the French Boutet de Monvel and the English Kate Greenaway. By all means celebrate in some way. Have an exhibit, a book parade or a play.

Howard Pyle, March 5, 1853-1911. American illustrator, painter, author. You may see one of his paintings in the governor's office.

Cather, K. D. Pirate fleet. In Younger days of famous writers, p. 237-53; Raymond, C. H. Howard Pyle. In Story lives of master writers, p. 315-32; Hawthorne, Hildegard. Howard Pyle—maker of pictures and stories. St. Nicholas, v. 42:644-6, May 1915.

For Younger Boys and Girls

Pepper and salt. "Jolly fairy tales and story telling poems illus. by the author. This is the first of Howard Pyle's books for a child to have, but his mother or father must see to it that sooner or later he has every one!"—Realms of gold.

Twilight land. Many fairy land people including Mother Goose live within the covers of this book.

Wonder clock. "Twenty-four marvelous tales, one for each hour of the day—old tales retold as this artist-author likes to tell them, in a way which most children enjoy."—Realms of gold.

Merry adventures of Robin Hood; illus. by the author. "This book will assure to its owner a period—'of mirth and joyousness in the land of Fancy'. It is the most delightful of all the Robin Hoods."—Realms of gold.

"This is the best for literary style, adherence to the spirit and events of the old ballads."

Otto of the silver hand. The son of a medieval German baron is kidnapped because of his father's lawlessness. This book gives a vivid picture of the middle ages.

For Older Boys And Girls

Jack Ballister's fortunes. "A faithful study of Colonial customs and conditions. Jack Ballister, the hero, is kidnapped and sold into the service of a Virginia planter whose daughter is captured by the famous pirate captain and finally rescued by the hero himself."—Charles D. Abbott.

Men of iron. Myles Falworth serves as page and attains his knighthood in this tale of chivalry.

Story of King Arthur and his knights. "Wee thinketh this present booke is right necessary often to be read".

Boutet de Monvel, March 16, 1850-1913. French illustrator.

Boutet de Monvel, the children's illustrator. Review of reviews, v. 49:113-14, Jan. 1914; Sanborn, A. F. Child life as portrayed by Boutet de Monvel. Good housekeeping, v. 51:661-7, Dec. 1910.

Greenaway, Kate, March 17, 1846-1901. English illustrator for children.

Display the books of Boutet de Monvel and Miss Greenaway together and encourage children to compare them. An appreciation of Kate Greenaway is found on p. 33-36 of Realms of gold.

A Apple pie. An A-B-C book famous for its quaint illustrations in color.

Marigold garden: pictures and rhymes. "Simple rhymes and delicate colored pictures portraying a quaint child life."

April

1. Reference work relating to spring interests. The coming of spring brings nature books into prominence. If you lack books select them now for your next order. Suggest the bringing of specimens into the library for identification through books. Confer with the teachers and fit your program into the curriculum.

Sharp, D. L. Year out-of-doors; Cabot, E. L. Coming of spring In Ethics for children, p. 56-81.

Poetry: Browning, R. Home thoughts from abroad In Stevenson's Days and deeds: verse, p. 336; Reese, L. W. April weather In Stevenson's Days and deeds: verse, p. 335.

Plays: Bates, K. L. April fool In Little Robin-Stay-behind, p. 121-37; Olcott, V. An April fool In Holiday plays, p. 43-62; Schauffler & Sanford, eds. April fool's day In Plays for our American holidays, v. 2, p. 131-80.

2. Two authors, a Dane and an Englishman. Suggest that the pupils make a display of Andersen's Fairy tales and Defoe's Robinson Crusoe and choose the illustrations liked best.

Hans Christian Andersen, April 2, 1805-1875. Danish writer of fairy tales.

Mahoney & Whitney. Hans Christian Andersen. In Realms of gold, p. 265-271.

Steedman, A. Hans Andersen In When they were children, p. 196-204; Mockler-Ferryman & Thomson. Hans Christian Andersen, The "fairy tale" of his life In Norway and Denmark, p. 12-17; Wiggin, Mrs. K. D. Story of the flax In My garden of memory, p. 440-3. A tribute to the master story teller good to read aloud.

Daniel Defoe, April 26, 1661-1731. English writer famous as the author of Robinson Crusoe.

Cather, K. D. Adventure's child In Younger days of famous writers, p. 3-22; Raymond, C. H. Daniel Defoe In Story-lives of master writers, p. 21-38.

May

1. Work Plans. Leave the library in order before the end of school. Fill out annual report for state. Make a statement of conditions making clear where all records are and where you stopped on each one. This will help you or your successor in the fall. See that books worth rebinding are sent to bindery. Lend books for summer reading so far as feasible. Note that the State Aid Applications are to be in the State Department by May 1st.

2. Special Days. May Day

Lovejoy & Adams. Pieces for every month of the year, p. 44-46 and p. 53-54. Hall & Perkins. May-baskets In Handicraft for handy girls, p. 309-13; McSpadden, J. W. Book of holidays, p. 103-13; Stevenson, B. E. Days and deeds: prose, p. 211-7; Stone & Fickett. May-day journey In Everyday life in the colonies, p. 94-104.

Plays: Bates, K. L. Queen of the May In Little Robin-stay-behind, p. 141-55; Mackay, C. D. Plays of the pioneers, p. 53-69; Sanford & Schauffler. Little plays for little people, p. 77-98; Schauffler & Sanford. Plays for our American holidays, v. 2, p. 183-225.

Poetry: Adams & McCarrick. Highdays & holidays, p. 109-18; Stevenson, B. E. Days and deeds: verse, p. 199-202.

Arbor Day and Bird Day, May 5. Look up books on forestry, trees, birds and nature in other forms. Bring in Agassiz whose birthday is May 28.

Schauffler, R. H., ed. Arbor day; McSpadden, J. W. Arbor day In Book of holidays, p. 115-32; Stevenson, B. E. Arbor day In Days and deeds: prose, p. 104-18.

Plays: Bayles, M. B. Crowning of the dryads In Luetkenhaus' Plays for school children, p. 191-206; Schauffler & Sanford. Arbor day In Plays for our American holidays, v. 2, p. 57-127.

Poetry: Adams & McCarrick. Arbor day In Highdays & holidays, p. 69-77; Deming & Bemis. Arbor day In Pieces for every day the schools celebrate, p. 55-76; Stevenson, B. E. Arbor day In Days and deeds: verse, p. 95-104.

Louis Agassiz, May 28, 1807-1873. Swiss-American naturalist; professor at Harvard.

Sharp, D. L. Turtle eggs for Agassiz. Atlantic in the Jubilee issue, Nov. 1932 and in Atlantic classics; first series, p. 23-44; Beard, A. E. S. First naturalist of his time In Our foreign born citizens, p. 1-10; Darrow, F. L. In Masters of science and invention, p. 198-205; Faris, J. T. New winning their way, p. 88-94; Gilbert, A. Swiss boy and his wanderings In More than conquerors, p. 147-68; Tappan, E. M. In Heroes of progress, p. 79-90.

Minnesota Day, May 11. This is the Seventy-fifth anniversary of Minnesota's statehood. Suitable plans, we understand, are to be announced.

Florence Nightingale, May 12, 1820-1910. English war nurse, founder of modern nursing. Combine this day with Peace Day, May 18.

Richards, Mrs. L. E. H. Florence Nightingale; Adams & Foster In Heroines of modern progress, p. 120-46; Bolton, Mrs. S. K. Lives of girls who became famous, p. 34-49; Cabot, Mrs. E. L. In Ethics for children, p. 230-32; Holland, R. S. In Historic girlhoods, p. 253-64; Steedman, Amy. In When they were children, p. 309-14.

Poetry: Longfellow, H. W. Santa Filomena; Keats, John. Ode to a nightingale; Wordsworth, William, O nightingale.

Peace Day, or World Good-Will Day, May 18. This date marked the opening in 1899 of the first Hague Peace Conference, called by Nicholas II, czar of Russia, which established the Permanent Court of Arbitration. History of observance. National education association. Proceedings, 1924:342-7.

Smith, E. S., comp. Peace and patriotism; Cabot, E. L. United States and the world brotherhood In Course in citizenship, p. 318-22; Deming & Bemis. Peace day In Pieces for every day the schools celebrate, p. 77-92.

Plays and Stories: Smith, N. A. Crowning of peace In Plays, pantomimes and tableaux for children, p. 141-54; Hulbert, W. Cease firing and other stories.

—H. A. W.